GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Allegation of corruption against Sri Vanthala Venkateswara Naidu, Forest Section Officer O/o the Forest Ranger, Araku Sub-Division, Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District – Trapped on 10-01-2014 – Sanction of Prosecution under the Prevention of Corruption Act – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 100 **Dated: 22-12-2017**

O R D E R:

Whereas, Sri Vanthala Venkateswara Naidu, S/o late Jagga Rao, worked as Forest Section Officer, O/o the Forest Ranger, Araku Sub-Division, Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District from 25.07.2011 to 10.01.2014 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of public servant as defined under section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act,1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

2) And whereas, Sri Tiruveedhula Venkata Sivaram, S/o Krishnaveni, 42 years, is R/o Teenasamanthavalasa (V), Saluru (M), Vizianagaram District. He is doing timber business. He purchased eucalyptus trees from Smt. Aaram Rukmini of Madagada Village and Sri Buridi Ratnadas of Pedagangudi Village. He used to transport the same to a cement factory situated at Kodada of Nalgonda District. About 10 days prior to 10.01.2014, he got cut the said eucalyptus trees and transported some of the logs in two lorries. On 07.01.2014, Sri V.Venkateswara Naidu, FSO and Sri P.Appala Raju, FBO, issued No Objection Certificates for transporting the same. Still he had to transport two more lorries of eucalyptus trees. On 08.01.2014, Sri V.Venkateswara Naidu, FSO and Sri P.Appala Raju, FBO, went to him and demanded Rs.20,000/- for issuing No Objection Certificates to allow him to transport the remaining eucalyptus logs in two lorries and threatened that they would book a false case against him. On which Sri Siva Ram had shown interim orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh vide W.P.No.24532 of 2013 wherein he was given permission to cut the eucalyptus trees and transport. But Sri V. Venkateswara Naidu and Sri P. Appala Raju, disobeying the directions of Hon'ble court, insisted him to pay bribe of Rs.20,000/-. On his repeated requests, Sri V. Venkateswara Naidu and Sri P. Appala Raju, have reduced the bribe amount to Rs.15,000/- and instructed him to pay the said amount on 10.01.2014 at their office;

3) And whereas, Sri Tiruveedhula Venkata Sivaram was not willing to pay the bribe amount to Sri V. Venkateswara Naidu, Forest Section Officer and Sri P. Appala Raju, Forest Beat Officer, he submitted a written report to the DSP, A.C.B.,Visakhapatnam to take necessary action against them. After following due procedure, the DSP, ACB, Visakhapatnam, registered the said report as a case in Cr.No.02/RCT – VSP/2014 under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 of ACB, Visakhapatnam Range, Visakhapatnam at 10:30 hrs on 10.01.2014, took up investigation and made arrangements for laying trap against Sri Vanthala Venkateswara Naidu and Sri P. Appala Raju;

4) And whereas, during the trap proceedings on 10.01.2014, Sri V.Venkateswara Naidu, was trapped in his office when he further demanded and accepted bribe of Rs.10,000/- from Sri T.Venkata Sivaram. During the Post trap Proceedings, both the hand fingers of Sri V.Venkateswara Naidu, turned into pink colour when they were subjected

to chemical test. In pursuance of the information given by Sri Vanthala Venkateswara Naidu, the tainted currency of Rs.10,000/- was recovered from his left side trousers pocket. The inner linings of left side trouser pocket of Sri V.Venkateswara Naidu, which came into contact with the tainted currency were subjected to sodium carbonate test, they also proved positive. The DSP seized the trousers of Sri V.Venkateswara Naidu, the tainted amount, resultant solutions and relevant records. He also prepared a rough sketch of the scene of offence.

5) And whereas, the above said acts of Sri V.Venkateswara Naidu, S/o Late Jagga Rao, Forest Section Officer, Araku valley, Visakhapatnam District constitute offences punishable under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 13 read with clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act,1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988) read with 34 Indian Penal Code.

6) And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, being the competent authority to remove Sri Vanthala Venkateswara Naidu, S/o Late Jagga Rao, Forest Section Officer, Araku Valley, Visakhapatnam District from Government service and after fully and carefully examining the entire material i.e. FIR Pre & Post trap proceedings, statements of witnesses, relevant records, explanation of Sri V.Venkateswara Naidu and Final report of DG ACB etc., placed before them in respect of the said allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, considered that the said Sri Vanthala Venkateswara Naidu, S/o Late Jagga Rao, Forest Section Officer, Araku valley, Visakhapatnam District should be prosecuted in a competent court of law for the aforesaid offences;

7) Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act,1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988) and sec.197 of Cr.P.C., the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of Sri Vanthala Venkateswara Naidu, S/o Late Jagga Rao, Forest Section Officer, Araku Valley, Visakhapatnam District for the aforesaid offences punishable under sections 7 and sub – section(2) of section13 read with clause(d) of the sub – section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act,1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988) read with 34 Indian Penal Code and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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